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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 3RD, 1877.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

## Arrivals.

## Notices of Firms.

## To be Let.

## Auctions.

## Intimations.

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May 1, America, German ship, 1,210, F. P. von Holtz, Cardiff 21st Nov., Coals.—Schooners & Co.

May 2, MIRKONG, French str., 1,910, Fouche, Marselles 26th March, Naples 27th, Port Said 31st, Suez 2nd April, Aden 7th, Gialo 17th, Singapore 26th, and Saigon 29th, Mails and General—Marselles Maritimes.

May 2, WASHI, British steamer, 235, A. Hunter, Haiphong 25th April, General—LANDSTEIN & Co.

May 2, LUSS, German corvette, 6 guns, Durban, Nagasaki 25th April.

May 2, PAU-TAH, Chinese str., 370, Fattorini, Canton May 1st, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

May 2, CIRKAW, British gunboat, Commander E. J. Church, Shanghai 23rd April.

May 2, MAGIE, British gun-boat, Commander Charles Verrier, Amoy, Manchuria 26th April.

May 2, POU-XAU, Chinese str., 920, A. Cread, Shanghai 27th April and Swatow May 1st, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

May 2, TAIWAN, British str., 405, Young, Taiwando 27th April, Tamsui 28th, Amoy 30th, and Swatow 1st May, Sugar and Camphor—D. LARIADE & Co.

May 2, CHINA, French str., 260, E. Herbe, Tables and Mails 18th April, Timber—CARLOWITZ & Co.

## Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE—

MAY 2ND.

PAU-TAH, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai; CHINCHING, British steamer, for Shantung; PAEDEO, British steamer, for Hoioh; KEMERIAH, British steamer, for Amoy; OCEAN, British steamer, for Hoioh.

## Departures.

May 2, CARL, German brig, for Tientsin.

May 2, BENARY, British str., for Saigon.

May 2, CHANG HOCK KIAN, British str., for Swatow and Amoy.

May 2, EMERALD, Brit. str., for Amoy.

May 2, CHINCHING, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

May 2, YESSO, Brit. str., for East Coast.

## Passengers.

### ARRIVED.

For Hongkong, str., from Marseilles—

From M. M. G. and Mrs. Hickling and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dibbles, Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Musser, Cadorniga and servant, Gavro, Gittins, Tatham, Deschamps, Mansfield, and Marcegnac, From Singapore—Messrs. W. Forrest, and Sprungli, From Saigon—Messrs. Loiseleur and Janson, and 13 Chinese.

### For Shanghai.

From M. G. and Mrs. Hickling and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dibbles, Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Musser, Cadorniga and servant, Gavro, Gittins, Tatham, Deschamps, Mansfield, and Marcegnac, From Singapore—Messrs. S. Gillett and Woodhall.

### For Yokohama.

From M. G. and Mrs. Hickling and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dibbles, Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Musser, Cadorniga and servant, Gavro, Gittins, Tatham, Deschamps, Mansfield, and Marcegnac, From Singapore—Messrs. S. Gillett and Woodhall.

### DEPARTED.

For Chinkiang, str., for Shanghai—2nd Cabin and 10 Chinese.

For Kowloon, str., for Amoy—1 Cabin and 15 Chinese.

For Yesso, str., for Keelung.

For Swatow, Mr. Kramer, For Amoy—Mr. Low, For Foochow, Mr. and Mrs. Hickling and European maid-servant, Mr. and Mrs. Harton, Messrs. Gittins, Mansfield, and Tatham.

### TO DEPART.

For Foochow, str., for Shanghai—2nd Cabin and 20 Chinese.

For Peking, str., for Amoy—1 Cabin and 40 Chinese.

For Ocean, str., for Hoioh—21 Chinese.

### Reports.

The British gunboat *Curlew* reports left Shanghai on 23rd April, and had fair weather and constant fogs.

The British steamship *Washi* reports left Haiphong on 25th April, and had fair weather throughout.

The British gun-vessel *Magnie* reports left Manha on 26th April, and had fair weather throughout.

The Chinese steamship *Fu-yen* reports left Shanghai on 27th April, and had light S.W. winds till the night of the 1st instant, then heavy thunderstorms, rain and lightning throughout.

The French mail steamship *Makong* reports left Marseilles on 26th April, Naples on 2nd April, Aden on the 7th, Gall on the 17th, Singapore on the 20th, and Saigon on the 20th, and had fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Yunnan* reports left Taiwan on 27th April, Tamsui on the 28th, Amoy on the 30th, and Swatow on 1st May, and had light sun and hazy weather the first part, moderate variable winds with heavy thunderstorms up till the 2nd at 3 a.m., in Amoy, South, Redarwong, and Francois I., in Swatow, straights of Nankin, and Noto, and H. M. G. Horaz.

The German ship *Admiral* reports left China on 21st November at noon, and had variable weather up to the 30th, then to 8th Dec., in long 44° N. and long 130° W., met with a succession of most fair gales from the S.W., afterwards got Northerly winds, which carried to lat. 20° N., crossed the Equator on the 1st, in long 20° W., and met with S.E. trades, then had light sun and hazy weather to the meeting of Greenwich on 1st Feb., in lat. 40° S., with strong Westerly winds. Passed S. Paul's Island on the 22nd, from then South-easterly winds, which carried to S.E. trades, passed Java Head on the 11th, March, and arrived at Arjo on the 17th, and had light S.E. trades, then the passage through the Malacca Channel on the 20th, crossed the Equator on 28th March, in long 103°, worked up against light Northerly winds to Natasia Island, passed Pubi Sapate, and from the 22nd April till the 27th, moderate winds between S.E. and N.E. Up the China Sea light Easterly winds, also Southerly winds with calms and very fine weather all the time.

## Auction Sales To-day.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. At 11 A.M.—Hay and Oats.

J. M. ARMSTRONG. At 12 noon—Sundry Goods.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. At 2 P.M.—Japanese Ware.

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THE WEST POINT FOUNDRY (LATE THE P. & O. FOUNDRY).

All business in connection with the above to be addressed to A. JOHNSTON, Manager;

or, KWOOK AGHEONG, Proprietor;

517 Hongkong, 3rd April, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY CLOSED THE HONGKONG BRANCH OF MY FIRM.

F. PEIL, 71-672 Hongkong, 1st May, 1877.

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WE HAVE THIS DAY OPENED A BRANCH OF OUR FIRM AT SHANGHAI.

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an Ambassador to St. Petersburg to negotiate for mutual disarmament.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 9th April. A Cabinet Council was again held yesterday, to consider the Protocol, but no decision was arrived at. The foreign diplomatic body are urging the Porte to send an envoy to Petersburg to negotiate.

LONDON, 9th April.

The Ritualistic Clergy have presented an address to the Bench of Bishops urging the modification of legal relations between the Church and State. The Archbishop of Canterbury in replying said he considered their demands vague, but pledged to submit the matter to both Houses of Parliament.

SAO PAULO, 10th April. The Russian Chargé d'Affaires at Constantinople has informed Saïfet Pasha that the Russian Government desire an answer from the Porte respecting the protocol before the 13th instant.

RODE, 10th April.

Small Internationalist meetings have been held in the vicinity of Roma in Naples. The insurgents have been dispersed and the ring-leaders arrested.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 10th April.

A despatch from the Turkish Government to its representatives abroad declines to adhere to the Russian protocol, and especially rejects the addition made by Count Schouvaloff to the original terms of the protocol, which was to be submitted to the Senate. The Porte has rejected the protocol, and to do so if Russia agrees to disarm. The Turkish Chamber of Deputies has rejected the demands of Montenegro, St. Petersburg papers regard war between Russia and Turkey as inevitable.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

CHINA. WEDNESDAY, 2nd May.

The rate for Potosi to-day has been \$5761 for ordinary and \$5732 for select cheats.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand, \$312.

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, \$312.

Bank Bills, at 6 months, \$40.

Credit, at 6 months' sight, \$31.

Overseas Bills, at 30

months' sight, \$40.

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, sight, 237.

OR CALCUTTA.—Bank, sight, 237.

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight, 73.

Private, 30 days' sight, 74.

SHAKES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—22 per cent premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$700 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$250 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$215 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$50 per share.

China Maritime Insurance Company's Shares—\$147 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—35 percent discount.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—12 percent discount.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—The 29 per cent.

Hongkong Fire Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$85 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan—\$105. Ex. ds. Id.

SALES ON MAY 2ND, AS REPORTED BY CHINESE.

Walnuts—24 bags at \$5.70, by Kwong Fook

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Mushrooms—20 cases at \$49.00, by Kwong Fook.

Almonds—10 bags at \$25.00, by Kee Tai to travelling trader.

Dried Lily Flowers—10 bags at \$11.80, by Kee Tai to travelling trader.

White Wax—2 pieces at \$35.50, by Kwong Fook.

White Chong to travelling trader.

White Pepper—20 bags at \$61.00, by Foot.

White Sugar—200 bags, at \$6.00, by Wo Hing to local trader.

Camphor—130 pieces at \$15.00, by Kwong Silver—5.

London, 12th April.

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## Extracts.

## A GALLERY OF FAIR WOMEN.

1.—LOVE-LETTERS.  
Her eyes are bright and loves her tawny hair.  
Prinking her brows, is blushed and tied behind.  
Her cheeks are blushing; and you scarce shall find  
A shape more lithely, plumply debonair.  
Eccectic induced it's the want to wear.  
Strange gown, fantasia hats, that leaves I find.  
Such cavalier impressions on the mind.  
That fashion-mongers turn aghast and start.  
Ginestally grace and charmingly obese.  
Respectfully debonair, kindly, good.  
Pleasantly debonair, amorous, and fond.  
Bald head, a debonair with grace.  
Whose simple art should be, if ever she would,  
"By the simplicity of Venus doves!"

## 2.—CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Well poised of body, supple, straight and tall;  
A skin like milk and roses, bright yet tanned;  
A foot that looks distinction, and a hand  
Shapeless and soft, and anything but amiable.

Even as the shadow or the yellow sand;

Playful and amorous, with lips and all

For constant kisses, amorousness, what!

Bust fresh and wholesome as the wind-swept strand;

In her gay battoes, trim and dross, rather white;

Her dainty ribbons on the breeze efface,

She bathes, reads novels, trots about her site;

Her carefree hours, and downy hours from the Meadays;

Lives in the air, but goes to meet the heat

On Saturday, and spends indous her Sundays.

## 3.—SO NIC OMBS.

It was a pleasant, peaceful spot;

Small, dim and quiet, and a perfect spot;

Hair, brows, and lashes like the pink night;

Her lip was red, her teeth were red and white;

Her nostrils, rich, yet set aside;

The hawkbow had cocked rush to the right;

And when she passed home, the valentines—

The dreadful girls, the cockneys' land and crude;

But I need not mind, for I am strict to range

The streets, and to go to the command

Of Chinese fates, a sort of ambivalence;

A sense of some thing Eastern, awful, and strange

—From London.

## THE CHAT OF THE CARDINALS.

There were sure to be from half a dozen to

half a score of cardinals, impudent

in their scarlet stockings, and coats bound

with scarlet edging. They generally used to

gather together, and very frequently on a

cold evening on the hearth, looking like a

cover of some sort of huge red-legged hilt,

The present writer, then a youngster, well

remembered how, his curiosity having been

excited by such a group, he gradually edged

himself into the immediate neighbourhood

of these specimens of a class of humanity then

quite new to him, speculating much on the

words of wisdom which must have been

passing from such lips to such ears. Pre-

iously he was able to catch the following ut-

terances enunciated with much deliberation

and in those pure and well articulated accents

which have made the "Lucina Toscana"

in boce Roman" famous: "E' molto male,

sai di mangiare troppo la sera." ("It is

very bad, you know, to eat too much of an

evening.") The speaker was a tall, meagre

old man, with a retreating forehead, and par-

rot-like beat, whose long aither, thinness ex-

hibited a magnificent expanse of scarlet

stroking. There there followed a chorus of

"Gia," and nods and grunts, which seemed

to indicate that smutty of his hearing could

testify to the truth of that profound dictum

from the depths of their own experiences.

—A Family Party in the Plaza of St. Peter.

## JEFFREY AND THE NORTH POLE.

The story of Jeffrey and the North Pole,

as told by Sidney Smith, appears to be

strangely aped in the Life. The incident

happened while the Jeffreys, a well-known

neighbour in London; and Mrs. Sidney

Smith related the incident to me at the time,

Captain (afterwards Sir John) Ross had just

arrived from his unsuccessful Polar expedi-

tion, and was bent upon re-enacting it. He

used all his interest to get the Government

to give him a grant of £10,000, and among others the Lord Advocate was to

be asked to be his legal officer. The

mutual friend who undertook to do Captain

Ross's errand to Jeffrey arrived at a most

unfortunate moment. Jeffrey was in delicate health

at that time, and made a critical point of his

daily ride; and when the application reached

his door, he was putting his foot in the stirrup,

and did not wait to be detained. So he

risched and rehired, and said nothing for

the North Pole, and at length "dashed" it.

The applicant, wishing ardently about it to

Sidney Smith, was about to make a civil language.

"What do you think he said?" cried the complainant.

"Why the North Pole!" "Well, never

mind! never mind!" said Sidney Smith,

sighing. "Never mind his naming the

North Pole. I have heard him speak dis-

respectfully of the equator." —Herriet Mar-

tin's Autobiography.

## MODESTY AND HONESTY IN STUDY.

I am convinced that it is the only spirit in

which we can hope to study with success. If

I am right in having said that one of the

advantages to which students are nowaday

exposed is the great existing temptation to

be superficial, then a modest estimate of the

extent of our knowledge is the great remedy

for this evil. The elements of knowledge on

so many subjects are brought now within the

reach of almost every one; there are so many

books and magazines, and newspaper articles

which will enable a quick youth with a ready

tongue to talk glibly about topics of the

hour, the latest discoveries of science, or the

newest historical theory; that it is not dif-

ferent before persons more ignorant than our-

selves to make a parade of a learning to which

they have not the shadow of a claim. But this

sort of thing is not merely a wretched vanity;

it is the very temper of mind most perverse,

I will venture to say, to all real study, most

sure to lead us to take up with every cumb-

erous and trifling subject which the

books of the day offer.

They may sometimes seem to contended

each other, whether they are facts of the outer

world or of history, or facts of faith and of

reason. In all such cases be patient; be sure

that there can be no real contradiction. The

explanation may come quickly, or it may be

delayed. It may come to you in this word,

or may not; but if you are true to God, if

you bear patiently with difficulties which

you, if you wait God's time for their unravell-

ing, will, if not here, then in that other

world which faith makes our own, find at

length the explanation of all enigma, and the

reconciliation of all contradictions. Believe

me that in honesty on the one hand, and

boldness on the other, we may find the true

mode of dealing with all such difficulties. It

is that ingenuous spirit which is so characteris-

tic of the times in which we live, which makes

men of this kind so distasteful to most

of us.

Eccectic induced it's the want to wear.

Strange gown, fantasia hats, that leaves I find.

Such cavalier impressions on the mind.

That fashion-mongers turn aghast and start.

Ginestally grace and charmingly obese.

Respectfully debonair, kindly, good.

Pleasantly debonair, amorous, what!

Bald head, a debonair with grace.

Whose simple art should be, if ever she would,

"By the simplicity of Venus doves!"

—2.—CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Well poised of body, supple, straight and tall;

A skin like milk and roses, bright yet tanned;

A foot that looks distinction, and a hand

Shapeless and soft, and anything but amiable.

Even as the shadow or the yellow sand;

Playful and amorous, with lips and all

For constant kisses, amorousness, what!

Bust fresh and wholesome as the wind-swept strand;

In her gay battoes, trim and dross, rather white;

Her dainty ribbons on the breeze efface,

She bathes, reads novels, trots about her site;

Her carefree hours, and downy hours from the Meadays;

Lives in the air, but goes to meet the heat

On Saturday, and spends indous her Sundays.

—3.—SO NIC OMBS.

It was a pleasant, peaceful spot;

Small, dim and quiet, and a perfect spot;

Hair, brows, and lashes like the pink night;

Her lip was red, her teeth were red and white;

Her nostrils, rich, yet set aside;

The hawkbow had cocked rush to the right;

And when she passed home, the valentines—

The dreadful girls, the cockneys' land and crude;

But I need not mind, for I am strict to range

The streets, and to go to the command